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May 23, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Special PSYOP Group

FROM: USIA, Kent Crane *ke*

SUBJECT: Radio Stations Near NVN

Last night we asked our posts in South Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and the Philippines to survey non-USG radio assets whose signal might reach NVN. Responses from all posts are attached for the Committee's review.

Our VOA technicians are prepared to elaborate on cabled comments. A cursory review seems to indicate that the Philippines and Thailand, and possibly Laos, have radio assets

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State Dept. review completed

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Memorandum

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TO : Chairman - Special PSYOPS Group

DATE: May 23, 1972

FROM : IEA - Kent Crane

SUBJECT: Possible Medium-wave Radio Facilities for Expanded
PSYOPS Effort to North Viet Nam

The following medium-wave transmitters in South Viet Nam
would provide coverage of significant parts of North Viet Nam:

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Operator:</u>	<u>Power</u> <u>KW</u>	<u>Freq.</u> <u>Kc/s</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>Status</u>
Hue	Voice of Freedom	200	655	Day & Night	*
Hue	U.S. Army	50	760	Day & Night	Relays VOA
Hue	Govt. of RVN	10	720	Day & Night	On Air
Nha-Trang	Govt. of RVN	50	580	Night Only	**
Saigon	Govt. of RVN	100	870	Night Only	On Air

* Off air due to damage, can be repaired and placed into operation
if effort warrants it.

** Either nearing completion or already on air.

The following medium-wave transmitter in Thailand can cover
significant areas of North Viet Nam:

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Operator:</u>	<u>Power</u> <u>KW</u>	<u>Freq.</u> <u>Kc/s</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>Status</u>
Khon-Kaen	Thai Govt.	50	630	Night Only	On Air

Medium-wave facilities in Laos, Cambodia, and the Philippine
were also examined, but none are available that could provide adequate
coverage of North Viet Nam due to either insufficient power or the use
of frequencies that would suffer serious interference from other
co-channel stations.

The following information was obtained from the appropriate
Pentagon office this morning regarding military medium-wave facilities
which could be used for an expanded Vietnamese broadcast effort:

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One 50 KW medium-wave transportable is now on training exercise at Fort Bragg, with operating unit. This could be withdrawn from the exercise and moved by air with unit. Estimated 7 to 10 days for the move and setting up.

One additional 50 KW medium-wave transportable is now at Fort Bragg, but is damaged and without an operating unit. No estimate is available as to the extent of damage, or the time it would take to repair. If a high enough priority were set, some sort of operating unit could be pulled together from the military.

A 50 KW medium-wave transportable is now engaged in an operation in connection with Cambodia. Unless its present mission were scrubbed, this would not be available for the Viet effort.

Airborne transmitters, based upon previous experience, would have coverage up to a distance of approximately 75 miles (assuming an altitude of 12,000 feet), from a point below the aircraft's location. This might provide some very limited coverage of North Viet Nam.

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TO USIA WASHDC PRIORITY-3575

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SECRET SAIGON 7650

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EYES ONLY CRANE FROM LINCOLN

SUBJ: SAIGON PSYOP TASK FORCE REPORT FOR MAY 23

REF: USIA 9730*

1. ANALYSIS OF NVN MEDIA OUTPUT

APPRECIATE UPCOMING ASSIGNMENT PIKE TO SERVE AS CHIEF OF COORDINATED RESEARCH ON NORTH VIET NAM. AS RESULT MEETING OF THE VA ZIOUS MISSION ELEMENTS WHICH COLLECT INFORMATION, BELIEVE WE ARE ORGANIZED TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR RESOURCES FOR MATERIAL FOR CURRENTINSYOP CAMPAIGN AGAINST NVN. THINK AT MOMENT IMPORTANT TO GET ITEMS ON NVN PRICE INCREASES, SHORTAGES FOODSTUFFS AND PHARMACEUTICALS, ALONG WITH INDICATIONS POLITICAL STRESS.

2. RADIO

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A. ON MACSOG DISESTABLISHMENT MAY 1, 1972, CONTRACT

MADE WITH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CORP., SAIGON, REPRESENTING

CONTINENTAL ENGINEERING OF DALLAS, TEXAS, TO COMPLETE TUNING OF VOICE OF FREEDOM TRANSMITTER ON ISLAND NEAR HUE. CONTRACT NO. 719-SAEF/772-72-61. VOF AMERICAN MACV ADVISER REPORTS THAT NO CONTINENTAL ENGINEER IN VIET NAM. ESSENTIAL YOU ASK CONTINENTAL TO DESPATCH QUALIFIED MAN AT ONCE. PROBLEM SINCE EARLY APRIL HAS BEEN LACK OF SATISFACTORY SECURITY AT TRANSMITTER SITE. WE ARE WORKING ON ARVN GENERAL POLITICAL WARFARE DEPARTMENT, WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR VOF, TO ENSURE SECURITY. VOF HAS STAFF OF DIESEL AND TRANSMITTER TECHNICIANS AT SITE, PLUS TWO EVACUATED TCNS AT DANNANG, WHO CAN OPERATE TRANSMITTER ONCE IT CORRECTLY TUNED, WHICH WE TOLD IS COMPLEX JOB.

B. REPORTING SEPARATELY ON GNV SHORT-WAVE RADIO CAPABILITY TO REACH NVN.

3. LEAFLETS

WE COMPLETING DEVELOPMENT LEAFLET ON VOF FREQUENCIES, ETC., TO BE PRINTED 7TH PSYOPS OKINAWA AND DROPPED WHEN WE KNOW 200 KW TRANSMITTER BEING TUNED. PER REFTEL WILL DO LEAFLET FOR VOA.

4. POWS

EMBASSY REPORTING SEPARATELY ON DISCUSSIONS WITH GVN CONCERNING USE OF POW NAMES. AT PRESENT WE KNOW DEFINITELY OF 100 NAMES IN CATEGORY ONE, AND THERE MAY BE

MORE. WILL TRY OBTAIN FROM GVN

SOON AS BROADCAST OF NAMES CAN BEGIN. FOR PROPER PRO-

FEEDS TO VOA. AS PROPOSED EARLIER, WE WILL CITE VOF OR GPWD AS INITIAL ANNOUNCING SOURCE.

5. BBC USEFULNESS

PAST PEW INTERROGATION INDICATES BBC HAS HIGHEST CREDIBILITY OF FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS HEARD IN NVN, AND LISTENING OFFICIALLY TOLERATED. QUESTION RAISED ABOUT ENSURING FULLEST BBC COVERAGE OF USG/GVN ACTIONS CURRENT CRISIS, E.G., EVEN SUPPLYING BBC CORRESPONDENTS SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE MATERIAL. APPRECIATE DELICACY OF INDEPENDENT BBC POSITION, BUT ASK WHETHER YOU MAY BE ABLE (A) TO ARRANGE EXCLUSIVES AND (B) APPROACH BBC TO SEND TOP-RANKING REPORTING TEAM TO VIET NAM.

6. WHILE FOREGOING BEING TYPED, WHITEHOUSE RECEIVED GVN CLEARANCE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER LAM TO START USE OF POW NAMES. WE NOW WORKING OUT PROCEDURE WITH GPWD.

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SECRET SAIGON 7647

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REF: USIA 9731

1. VIET NAM RADIO VTVN CURRENTLY OPERATING FOLLOWING
SHORTWAVE TRANSMITTERS WHICH IMPACT WITH GOOD SIGNAL
STRENGTH IN HANOI: A. 50-KW TRANSMITTER OPERATING ON
5620 KC FROM 0600 TO 2400 HOURS DAILY, RELAYING VTVN
CHANNEL A BROADCASTS TO UP-COUNTRY VTVN STATIONS.

B. 20-KW TRANSMITTER OPERATING ON 11950 KC, SAME PROGRAM
HOURS AND CONTENT, AS BACK-UP TO FEED DESCRIBED IN A,
ABOVE. BOTH THESE TRANSMITTERS ARE ON FREQUENCIES
ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE FOR EVENING LISTENING IN HANOI AREA.
PROGRAM IS SAME AS CITIZENS ANYWHERE IN SOUTH VIET NAM
ARE RECEIVING.

2. DANANG 50-KW MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER REACHES
SATISFACTORILY ABOUT TO DMZ, BUT NOT RELIABLY BEYOND THAT
POINT.

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1. FAR EAST BROADCASTING HAS VERY COMPETENT ENGLISH STAFF
HANDLING SEVERAL PROGRAM PATTERNS. VIETNAMESE STAFF COMPOSED
OF FOUR WHO PRODUCE 1 1/2 HOURS DAILY, 6:30-7:00 A.M. AND 8-9
P.M. ON 9.505 KH USING 50 KW XMITTER. FEBC HAS FOR YEARS SHYED
AWAY FROM ANY IDENTITY WITH VOA AND PARTICULARLY THE POLITICAL

AREAS OF R

BROADCASTING. DOUBT THEY WOULD AGREE CARRY OUR MESSAGE
WITHIN THEIR PROGRAM FRAMEWORK. HOWEVER, THEY MIGHT AGREE TO
LEASE US A TRANSMITTER WHICH WOULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED WITH THEIR
PROGRAM.

2. OTHER POSSIBILITY TO BE CONSIDERED WOULD BE TO LEASE SPACE
OR SHORT WAVE FACILITIES AT MALOLOS WHICH TURNED OVER IN 1969
TO GOP WHEN TIANHANG ACTIVATED. WHO GOT ROOM FOR VITAL GOP
CONSIDERS THE XMITTER AT PRESENT TIME AND RESISTANT TO ACQUIRE
WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

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REF: USIA 9731

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1. THREE STATIONS IN THAILAND CAPABLE REACHING NVN LISTED
IN ORDER OF ESTIMATED SIGNAL EFFECTIVENESS:

A) RADIO FREE ASIA (VOA-OPERATED FACILITIES). MEGAWATT,
MEDIUM WAVE. SIGNAL PATTERN INCLUDES ALL NVN.

B) PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT (PRD-EQUIVALENT MINISTRY
OF INFORMATION) SHORTWAVE FACILITY LOCATED AT RANGSIT NEAR
BANGKOK. ONE 100 KW TRANSMITTER AND ONE 50 KW TRANSMITTER.
SHORTWAVE. (SWIP PROJECT CARRIED OUT UNDER TEAK AGREEMENT.)

C) NATIONAL SECURITY COMMAND STATION 929 LOCATED SAKON
NAKORN IN NORTHEAST. FIFTY KW. MEDIUM WAVE. (REPORTEDLY
CAPABLE PARTIAL COVERAGE NVN.)

2. UNDER STAND US MILITARY HAS TRANSMITTERS OPERATING IN
THAILAND WHICH MIGHT BE ADAPTED TO REACH NVN.

3. UNDERSTAND VOA HAS PORTABLE 50 KW TRANSMITTERS IN
PHILLIPINES WHICH PRESUMABLY COULD BE OPERATED IN THAILAND FOR
PURPOSE SPECIFIED.

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SUBJECT-

REFERENCE-

1. Highest authority has directed vastly increased interagency effort against NVN target audience. Require ASAP your assessment of shortwave and mediumwave radio transmitters with capability of broadcasting to NVN. Answer should cover all pertinent technical details before potential political caveats introduced.
2. For Manila. Wish know Far East Broadcasting Company capability in English and Vietnamese and your assessment their amenability carry our political messages.

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ENLIST IN THE "WAR ON WASTE" - USE AIRPOUCH INSTEAD OF TELEGRAMS

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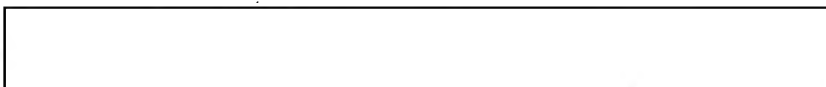
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1. RLG HAS NO EXISTING CAPABILITY TO PLACE MW OR SW BROADCAST SIGNAL INTO DRV. NOR DO THEY HAVE CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE PROGRAMMIME OF QUALITY OR QUANTITY NECESSARY TO SUPPORT SUSTAINED PROPAGANDA EFFORT.
2. TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE TO USE RLG TRANSMITTERS TO BROADCAST TO NVA TARGETS IN LAOS--PARTICULARLY IN PANHANDLE AREA. HOWEVER, HERE AGAIN PROGRAMMING TALENT LACKING. RLG REACTION TO ANY PROPOSAL TO DIVERT BROADCAST TIME TO VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING UNKNOWN, ALTHOUGH SUSPECT WE COULD INFLUENCE FAR TO COMMIT TIME ON MILITARY STATIONS.

3. LACK OF VIETNAMESE STAFF PERSONNEL VIRTUALLY PRECLUDES
OUR INITIATING SUCH A PROJECT. EVEN IF WE WERE TO ONLY
RE-BROADCAST SAIGON PRODUCED MATERIALS OUR SPECIAL PROJECTS
OFFICE WOULD NEED MINIMUM ONE VIETNAMESE STAFF LINGUIST/
ANNOUNCER TO SCREEN PROGRAMMING AND DO REQUIRED INTRODUCTIONS,
ETC.

4. FYI: OUR SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICE HAS ONE 10 KW, MODEL
BCT TRANSMITTER (FREQUENCY RANGE 450-2000KHZ) WHICH IS
NOT BEING USED. WE LACK TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO DETERMINE
MAXIMUM RANGE UNDER OPTIMAL CONDITIONS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER,
HAVE ASSOCIATED BROADCAST EQUIPMENT, I.E., ATXXX ANTENNA, POWER
SOURCE, STUDIO EQUIPMENT, ETC.

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TO RUEHIA/USIA WASHDC PRIORITY 804

INFO RUMTBK/AMEMBASSY BANGKOK 3100

RUMJMA/AMEMBASSY MANILA 823

RUMJIR/AMEMBASSY SAIGON 3237

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SECRET PHNOM PENH 3158

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1. RNK NOW HAS NO OPERATION MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER
CAPABLE REACHING NVN. FIFTY KILOWATT SHORTWAVE TRANS-
MITTER OPERATING IN 61 METER BAND DAILY FROM 0520 TO
0900 AND FROM 1100 TO 2200 LOCAL TIME BEANS RNK NATIONAL
PROGRAM IK TO

BATTAMBANG AND KOMPONG SOM FOR LOCAL RELAY.

ANTENNA SET SO STRONGEST SIGNAL HITS BATTAMBANG BUT HAVE
HEARD
HARD REPORTS IT CAN SOMETIMES BE HEARD FAINTLY IN HONG
KONG.

2. DOUBT WE COULD OR SHOULD TRY TO CONVINCE GKR
AUTHORITIES TO CANCEL RNK BROADCASTS TO BATTAMBANG,
KOMPONG SOM. RNK TECHNICAL STAFF ALREADY SPREAD
DANGEROUSLY THIN WHAT WITH LOSSES 21 MARCH ATTACK AND WE
ARE ALREADY PRESSING US AND TCN CEILINGS ON OUR OWN
AND CONTRACT PERSONNEL. GKR AGREEMENT TO OVERTIME USE
OF TRANSMITTER HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

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